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Fallsburg Life Skills Class Learns About Marketing during the Holidays



Foreground, Christian Chavez, Ashley Miller and Amber Price; in second row are Keiondre Thomas, Ms. Karen Larson, Elijah Fitts, Shimi Bleich, Ms. Helen Jordy and Ms. Pooja Sharma.

In November and December the Life Skills Class at Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School were as busy as Santa's elves designing, creating, marketing and selling holiday crafts, including no-sew colorful scarves, painted wooden items made out of salvaged pallets, and baked dog biscuits for family pets.

On December 1, the students brought several of their wares to the Craft Fair at Mountandale Fire House as part of their transition skills to learn how to interact with the community. In the process they were learning about non-traditional ways they can earn a living by being creative! (Contd. Pg. 4)

Tri-Valley Lions Club Applies for \$2,000.00 Lions Brandel-Murphy Lions Youth Foundation Grant for BCES Trail Project



Ilene Wizwer (member of TV Lions & Lions Dist. 20-0 Zone Chair), Leah Exner (member of TV Lions & BCES Trail Coordinator), Donna Schick (President, TV Lions)

Donna Schick, President of the Tri-Valley Lions Club, submitted an application to the Brandel-Murphy Lions Youth Foundation for a \$2,000.00 grant to be awarded to the Fallsburg Central School District for "The Benjamin Cosor Trail" project. This grant is a matching grant to a \$2,000.00 donation made by the Center for Discovery.

Leah Exner, 20 year member with the Tri-Valley Lions Club and long time teacher with the Fallsburg School District, is the trails coordinator and inspiration behind this project. (Contd. Pg. 3)

TVTA and TESSA Unions Work with Students to Give the Gift of Reading



On Thursday, December 20, the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) and Tri-Valley Essential Support Staff Association (TESSA) worked with students to give the gift of reading during the holiday season.



On that Thursday, TVTA and TESSA members set up the school library with hundreds of brand new books to give away to students in grades 5-12. During their lunch periods, students were invited to visit the library and pick out books to give as gifts during the holiday season. With the help of teachers and support staff members, students could wrap and label the books to give as gifts to someone else. (Contd. Pg. 9)

Fallsburg Lions Make Donations to Local Organizations



In the photo at St. Andrews food pantry are left to right Cynthia Johnston, Linda Goldstein and Tim Pantel.

Town of Fallsburg Lion Vice President Tim Pantel presenting donation checks of \$500 each to South Fallsburg's St. Andrews Episcopal Church Food Pantry organizers Mrs. Cynthia Johnston and Mrs. Linda Goldstein; and to Mrs. Kathy Kreiter, The Director of The Federation for the Homeless in Monticello. The donations were made on December 24, 2018. (Contd. Pg. 4)

FJSHS and SUNY Sullivan Co-Host Catskills New Bot Battle

The Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School and SUNY Sullivan Robotics Teams co-hosted the Third Annual Catskills Bot Battle on Saturday, December 15 at the SUNY Sullivan Paul Gerry Fieldhouse. Twenty-nine schools from throughout New York State fielded Robotics Teams.



Two volunteers at the event, Fallsburg High School seniors Mickenna Meyer and Edita Lulanaj.

Fallsburg High School Coach and Technology Teacher Don Thomas and SUNY Sullivan Computer Science Professor Cynthia Marcello organized the day-long competition. Dozens of family, friends, classmates and aficionados of robotics filled the field house seats.

At the end of the competition, VEX Robotics, Official Sponsor of these international events, congratulated Fallsburg teams 99561A and 99561E (Contd. Pg. 4).

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful unto me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
1 Corinthians 7:12

OBITUARIES

Kim Joy Nash of Neversink passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on December 27, 2018. She was 66.



She was the youngest child of William H. and Blanche A. Smith Mitchell, born on September 7, 1952 in Ellenville, NY.

Kim was an active member of her community; she was a coach for the Falcons Little League Team, member of the Story Hour Mothers for the Daniel

Pierce Library. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Neversink and intricate part of the Easter Bunny Project. She was very active in helping many different charitable organizations. She will be deeply missed by everyone that knew and loved her.

She leaves behind her devoted husband whom she married June 15, 1974 Tom Nash, her daughters Robin Nash and her fiancé Bruce Frunzi of Grahamsville, Erin Alvord and her husband Shawn of Rock Hill, April Meade and her husband Andrew of Neversink, her grandchildren Jared Nash, Zackary Alvord, Nathan Alvord, Alexander Meade, Amaya Meade and Anthony Frunzi, her sister Loretta Ackerley and her husband Don, her brothers Bill Mitchell and his wife Jackie, Bob Mitchell, Joe Mitchell and his wife Sue, Tom Mitchell and his wife Carolyn, Don Mitchell and his wife Fawn, her sister-in-law Julieanne Nash, many nieces and nephews, and her canine companion Jack.

There was a memorial service on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home in Woodbourne, NY 12788.

In lieu of flowers donations in Kim's name can be made to the Neversink Fire Department 7486 State Rte 55, Neversink, NY 12765

Patricia J. Maas of Grahamsville, NY the owner of Maas Farm Stand and a lifelong area resident, died Monday, December 31, 2018 at the Roscoe Regional Rehab. and Residential Health Care Facility, Roscoe, NY. She was 72.



The daughter of the late George and Leona Davenport Smith, she was born August 12, 1946 in Willowemoc, NY.

Survivors include one son, James E. Maas and his wife Kathleen of

Grahamsville, NY; two daughters, Tina M. Mall and her husband Edward of Jeffersonville, NY and Melissa J. Brown and her companion John Benevides of Grahamsville, NY; her sister, Diana Crescimanno and her husband Anthony of Franklinton, NC; seven grandchildren, Samantha, Aimee, Nina, Hunter, Elexis, Nathaniel, and Hunter; one great granddaughter, Kaelyn; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 in the Harris Funeral Home, Liberty, NY, with Rev. Bridgette LeConey officiating. A gathering followed the service at the First Baptist Church in South Fallsburg NY.

Memorial contributions in Patricia's name may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Gift Processing, 1702 East Highland Ave., Suite 400 Phoenix, AZ 85016.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home.

Christine Stedner passed away January 3, 2019 at home. She was born December 21, 1930 to Earl and Vera Terwilliger. She was one of 15 children.

She married Ralph Stedner, who predeceased her, on August 30, 1952. They had five children. Willie and his companion Marion of Napanoch, Susan Edwards of Ellenville, Gloria Stephens of Ellenville, Doreen Brown and her husband Harold (Boo) of Cragmoor and infant son Paul Allen, who prede-

ceased them both. She also leaves behind 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Ellenville United Methodist Church and UM Women, the Woman's Republican Club and Cragmoor Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. She volunteered at many Friday Church Luncheons as well as Wednesday's at the Lunch Together Program in Ellenville. She loved to get together with her sisters to "Stitch and Bitch".

A wake will be held from 2-4 and 7-9 on Sunday, January 6th at Louck's Funeral Home on Main Street in Ellenville. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday at 10am at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Walker Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, as she is allergic to most, please make a contribution to the food pantry of choice.

To send a personal condolence to Christine's family please visit www.loucksfh.com

THANK YOU:

I wish to thank all of my family and friends for their loving care, support, gifts and cards during my recent surgery and recovery. I would also like to thank all of the staff at the Ellenville Swing Unit, the professional care and therapy I received during my stay.

With love, Elise Hornbeck

Days of Yore...
Today's History**January 5, 1949**

New street lights were erected. A crew of men from Central Hudson started work Tuesday, stringing the wires for the new street lighting system in the Grahamsville Light District. Nineteen street lights of a modern type and higher candle power will replace the present thirteen antiquated lamps.

During the high water last week, the water overran the Sundown Road above the iron bridge that leads to Sheeley's Brooks and East Mountain. It seems unbelievable, but is a fact. Sundown saw the greatest volume of water since the flood of '28. Mr. George Singer brought out his bulldozer down to help open the Peekamoose Road.

The Walsh-Perini Companies have practically finished the 40-foot diameter diversion tunnel, the lower "branch" hal, a big unit of their \$13,700,050 contract which includes a 70 foot high coffer dam and a cut-off core wall reaching to bedrock clear across the valley.

January 7, 1959

*When the days begin to lengthen,
then the cold begins to strengthen;
you needn't stay at home and shiver,
or start to Florida with the flivver.*

Kum to Krum's

Mr. Ralph Smith of Napanoch has set up a mill on his lot on the Sundown Road. At present he is turning out baseball bats.

Aviation Cadet Charles N. Neilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Neilson of Neversink, has been assigned to Harlingen Air Force Base in Texas after graduating from pre-flight school there.

The metal room on one of the hen houses on the Many-Zanetti chicken farm was blown off Tuesday because of the high winds. Considerable damage was done to trees, roofs, antennas, electric and telephone lines throughout the area.

January 1, 1969

Airman Gary R. Parrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Parrow of Sundown, NY has been graduated with honors at Brooks AFB on the training course for U.S. Air Force Aero medical Specialists. Airman Parrow, who was trained to assist in medical care of flying personnel is being assigned to Hancock Field, NY for duty with the Aerospace Defense Command. His wife, Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Strangeway of Grahamsville.

January 4, 1979

Troop 187 of Grahamsville will hold its twenty-third Eagle Court of Honor for Kenny Hewlett, son of Cliff and Eileen Hewlett. The ceremony will be held at Tri-Valley Central School on January 13th at 7:30 pm

At the Pearl River Track Classic held recently, Dave Parker set a new meet record. 4:30.4 for the mile. Dave was the leader for the entire race.

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Kim Nash of Neversink who passed away on December 27th after a long illness. Kim was 66 years old.

Congratulations to Glenn Currey and Courtney Van Norden who are engaged to be married. Glenn proposed to Courtney while hiking to the summit of Peekamoose Mt. in Sundown. Plans for an August, 2019 wedding are being planned.

Congratulations to Wayne Zanetti of Grahamsville who retired effective December 31st from the board of directors of Jeffersonville Bancorp and Jeff Bank. In 2015, Wayne previously retired as president and CEO of Jeff Bank.

Kudos to Tri-Valley senior, Alex Schultz, who was voted the male 845 scholar/athlete for the month of December. Alex was voted an All-Section 9 athlete by the region's coaches and plans to attend Alfred State in the fall.

Tom Grocholl has retired as Frost Valley Property Director after 25 years of service to Frost Valley. After an extensive search, Stephen Poley of Neversink has been offered the job. Thank you again to Frost Valley for hosting the holiday community dinner on December 7th for 260 area residents. Thank you also to Purdy and Sons and Riviera Produce for donating some of the delicious food, to Rolling "V" who kindly provided transportation and to the staffs of Chartwell and Frost Valley. Many local residents look forward to this event each year!

Forestburgh Playhouse will present their 2019 Season Local Auditions on Sunday, January 13th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Seelig Theater at SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake. They are seeking boys and girls ages 5-12, boys ages 8-12, teens/high school students ages 15-18 and adult male and female character actors over the age of 16 who sing and move well for their 2019 summer season.

The Christmas gifts have been unwrapped and put away, the relatives have gone home, the children are back in school and it's time to get back to our normal routines. Somehow with Christmas and New Year's Day being celebrated on a Tuesday, I kind of lost track of the days of the week. On Christmas Day, Pete and I had brunch with Chip and his family before they departed for a week in Mexico. My daughters and their families weren't arriving until the 26th and the 27th. Later in the afternoon on Christmas Day, Pete and I decided to go out for dinner. We knew that Ricke Len's was closed on Christmas Day, so we headed toward Liberty. Well, to our surprise, the Munson Diner was closed, the Liberty Diner was closed, Pizza Hut, McDonald's and Burger King were also all closed. We went to the Shop Rite Plaza and happily found that the Chinese place was open and very crowded with customers also looking for a place to eat. We ended up ordering our Chinese dinners and bringing them back home to eat. Full moon was on December 22nd and the sun set at 4:28 pm. On January 3, the sun set at 4:40 pm. The days are now getting longer. There is, however, an old adage that says "as the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen". It's winter and I suppose we who live in these parts have to expect freezing temperatures (although we've had a pretty good winter so far). I, however, do not like it when it gets below 30 and the icy winds start to blow!

Words of Wisdom: Ten things to remember for the new year: 1) The value of time, 2) The success of perseverance, 3) The pleasure of working, 4) The dignity of simplicity, 5) The worth of character, 6) The power of kindness, 7) The influence of example, 8) The obligation of duty, 9) The wisdom of economy and 10) The virtue of patience, (anonymous)

I wish you all a happy and a very healthy new year!

Tri-Valley Lions Club Applies for \$2,000.00 Lions Brandel-Murphy Lions Youth Foundation Grant for BCES Trail Project

(From Pg. 1) This trail is open to all Sullivan County residents during non-school hours. It focuses on educating children and adults about nature while promoting wellness and healthy lifestyle habits through exercise and outdoor activities. The trail is

approximately one mile long and has been in the making for over two years. Dozens of students, adults and volunteer groups have already volunteered in making this trail a reality, including the Tri-Valley Lion's Club.

Calling All Professional Local Artists

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Festival, Sullivan County and the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association are asking communities throughout the Sullivan Catskills to participate in the "Dove Trail". The Town of Neversink is seeking a professional artist to volunteer their artistic skills and creativity in designing and painting the Dove and in doing so showcasing the character and history of the Town of Neversink. The fiberglass Dove (measuring app 5 feet tall and 7 feet long) will be provided and the artist chosen by the Town will have certain guidelines to follow (Paints, Inspiration, Color Palette). Once completed, the Dove will be prominently displayed in town. If interested, please provide Supervisor Mathews with a sketch/plan or letter of interest with your ideas of what would be the ideal design for the Dove. A committee from the Town will then choose which Dove best represents the Town of Neversink. If you have any questions, either stop by the town hall or call 985-2262 ext. 301. Please have your sketch/plan or letter of interest to Supervisor Mathews by January 25th.

Tri-Valley Lions Club November-December 2018 News

Lions Donna and Stephan Schick, PDG's Ilene and Stuart Wizner attended the District 20-0 Convent9on on November 3rd.

We donated \$500 each to the following churches in our area: Claryville Reformed, Grahamsville Methodist and Reformed, Ulster Heights Methodist and Woodbourne Catholic for their Food Pantries. A \$500 donation was made to Lions Disaster Relief Fund and \$150 to the Lions Sight and Hear Club.

On November 14th we had a Diabetes Awareness Day at the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello.

Our Holiday Party will be December 3rd at Frankie & Johnies Nardi's.

The guest speaker was District Governor Barbara Gavin who installed new member Cathy Lee McKay who was welcomed to our Club.

Our Holiday Party on December 3rd was also a special tribute to two very community involved people, David and Phyllis Moore. The community was invited to join us since they were working in most every organization in our community.

They were awarded each a Melvin Jones Award for their years of work in the Tri-Valley Lions Club. This is the highest award given in the Lions Club. All the organizations they were part of made tributes to them with awards also plus some extra comments for things they had done. Congratulations to them and may they enjoy many years of retirement at their new home in Red Hook. We will miss their smiling faces and cheerful ways from which we all benefitted.

We did E S Vision Screening on December 6th at Tri-Valley on 115 students.

May 2019 be Happy and Healthy for you.

Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc Seeks Volunteer Drivers Seeking all Volunteer Drivers! Mon- Fri, with flexible scheduling

Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., is seeking Volunteer Drivers to begin providing services for individuals with Medicaid who reside in Ulster County and cannot transport themselves to schedule medical/treatment appointments in or outside of Ulster County. (50 cent reimbursement per mile while transporting an individual)

Visit our website at www.uccac.org or for more information and an application stop by 70 Lindsley Ave., Kingston, 85 Center St., Ellenville or 15 Church St., Highland and speak with an Outreach Services Representative.

Tel: 845-338-8750, ext. 102 or 105 or email ghoward@uccac.com for an application..

Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.

Where Have all the Insects Gone?

As cold-blooded creatures, insects are particularly susceptible to winter's freezing temperatures. To survive, this class of animals has developed a wide variety of unique adaptations and methods of surviving northern winters, including long migrations, creating their own anti-freeze and even purposely freezing portions of their bodies.



Over-winter beetle larva

The best known migratory insects are the Monarch Butterflies. And the popular Woolly Bear Caterpillar goes through winter as immature larvae buried under heavy covers of leaf litter or a similar shelter where they are protected. Some simply burrow deeper into the soil to escape the cold.

Social insects like ants delve down to the deep reaches of their underground colonies that extend below the frost line. There, they feast on food they stored during the warmer months.

Ladybugs snuggle together as they practice communal hibernation by stacking one on top of another on stumps and under rocks to share heat and buffer themselves against winter temperatures. Some ladybugs choose to overwinter in attics, and other out-of-the-way places in homes and other structures, as do a variety of wasps and flies, including yellow jackets, who are frequently found wintering in the eaves and attics of houses and barns.

A female grasshopper will tunnel into the soil and deposit her eggs as deep as possible in the soil in an attempt to keep her eggs safe through the winter.

The nymphs of dragonflies and mayflies live in ponds and streams, often beneath ice. They feed actively and grow all winter to emerge as adults in early spring.

A few insects lay eggs that survive the winter. In autumn the female Praying Mantis will lay her eggs before she dies. She often deposits them on a branch or twig, but also leaves them on walls, fences and eaves. They are surrounded by a frothy liquid, called ootheca, which hardens into an egg case about the size of a big marble. The following spring the nymphs hatch and burst out of the case in a small army of hungry youngsters, each the size of a small ant. Some insects, like moths over-winter in the pupal stage, then emerge as adults in the spring.

Flies do not do well in cold weather. Once in a while you may find a common housefly in your house during the winter, but a housefly only has a life cycle of 20-30 days. Most flies survive in maggot or pupae form until the weather is warm enough for them to starting hatching and mating again.

Mosquitoes are out there even though we don't notice them. Certain mosquitoes lay winter hardy eggs in areas where the ground is moist. The eggs lie dormant in the soil until spring when conditions become favorable again and they hatch. Other mosquitoes can survive winter in the larval stage. All mosquito larvae require water, even in winter. As the water temperature drops, it induces a state of diapause (suspended development) in the mosquito larvae, stopping further development and slowing their metabolism. Development resumes when the water warms again.

Honey bees stay in hives during the winter, and form clusters when temperatures fall. They also are able to raise their temperature by vibrating wing muscles.

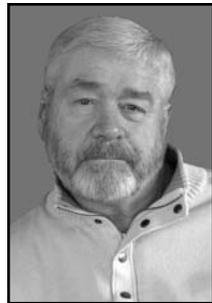
Many insects are freeze tolerant. They have one of the most sophisticated survival methods. They produce ice nucleating proteins (proteins formed around a central area). The regulated production allows insects to control the formation of ice crystals within their bodies that allows the insect to moderate the rate of ice growth, adjusting more slowly to the mechanical and osmotic pressures (process of assimilation) imposed by ice formation.

In general, insects are well adapted to survive cold temperatures in winter habitats. It will still be awhile before most resume their non-winter lives and will be active again, giving us something else to complain about besides the weather!

Household Hints

A Favorite Use in Winter for Vinegar

If you park your car outdoors during the cold winter months, a smart and simple way to keep frost from forming on your windows is by wiping (or, better yet, spraying) the outsides of the windows with a solution of 3 parts white vinegar to 1 part water. Each coating may last up to several weeks. Unfortunately, it won't do much in the way of warding off a heavy snowfall!



The Line That Held Us

Mysterious Book Report No. 357

by John Dwaine McKenna

The MBR is kicking off the New Year with an elegant-and stunning-tale of Appalachian noir that combines elements of kinship and friendship, absolute love and total retribution, death, revenge and redemption. It is a novel you'll find yourself thinking about long after finishing the last chapter and reaching the astonishing conclusion, because it leaves several haunting questions in the reader's mind. Questions such as, *What would you do?* and *How far would you go to help a friend?* or *What is unconditional love?*

The Line That Held Us, (Putnam/Penguin, \$27.00, 256 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-57422-1) by David Joy, opens in the Great Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina or eastern Tennessee – the exact location isn't defined – and begins when a scofflaw poaching deer accidentally shoots and kills a man who's stealing ginseng. Darl Moody is the hunter's name . . . and he's in a panic, because the dead guy is Carol Brewer aka "Sissy," whose brother Dwayne is notorious for violence and renowned for vengeance. Dwayne's a man who instills fear in everyone he meets, who never forgets a slight, and who has an abiding love for his younger, special needs brother . . . the last of their clan.

Instead of alerting the authorities and confessing, Darl calls Calvin Hooper, and Calvin, against his better judgment and in spite of his moral misgivings, steps in to help his lifelong best friend hide the crime.

That act of devotion, which comes out of friendship, sets off a bloody chain of events from which no one, Darl, Calvin . . . or his girlfriend Angie . . . not even Dwayne Brewer, himself will emerge unscathed.

The setting is beautiful, the premise haunting, the language magical, and the novel unforgettable. Read it for yourself and get to know the awesome talent of this up-and-coming southern wordsmith with all the tools to write the next great American novel!



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FJSHS and SUNY Sullivan

Co-Host Catskills New Bot Battle

(From Pg. 1) Members of the E team are: Hunter Doty, Jason Hernandez, Edwin Morales, Adira Greer-Padilla, Gisella King and Hannah Nicolai. Members of the A Team are Nicholas Muscia, Harris Basic, Amanda Murtagh, Jaedon Espinoza, Kristian Huttenmeyer and Christos Vernezos. They qualified for the New York State Championship from Skills based on this season's new Qualifying Criteria!

Thanks go out to the following groups and businesses for making the New Bot Battle a major success: SUNY Sullivan for providing the awesome venue and student volunteers; FCSD School Board and Administration; FHS for contributing a great staff of volunteers, including parents and students; Kristt Kelly Office Systems Corp. in Monticello, NY for printing programs; Fallsburg Lumber; and Yanni's Restaurant in Monticello, NY for feeding the volunteers.

Local businesses who would like to help sponsor or support future events, or students who would like to get involved and earn volunteer time should contact Don Thomas at dthomas@fallsburgcsd.net or (845) 434-6800.

Fallsburg Life Skills Class Learns

About Marketing during the Holidays

(From Pg. 1) They brought these skills and others learned in the classroom back to the school. They created a radio jingle advertising their products that was "broadcast" over the school announcement system; they made fliers extolling their products; and they put out the word that they were happy to create personalized items in choice of colors for holiday gifts. Several staff members became satisfied customers.

The experience of design, creation, production and marketing summoned up student mathematical, artistic, verbal, and written skills. Teacher Ms. Karen Larson and Teaching Aides Ms. Helen and Ms. Pooja Sharma were very pleased at how much energy the students put into this work and how much learning occurred. Seeing the enthusiasm in the "workshop" was inspiring

Fallsburg Lions Make Donations to Local Organizations



At the Federation for the Homeless is Kathy Kreiter and Tim Pantel.

(From Pg. 1)

Both organizations were very grateful.

Kathy Kreiter told Tim Pantel, who is an electrician, that the money "will help keep the lights on at the Federation."

The Doves Have Landed!

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Festival, we are presenting 36 doves to our communities throughout the Sullivan Catskills. Each dove will be painted by local artists showcasing the character and history of each community.

The Dove Trail will entice visitors and local residents to explore the Sullivan Catskills and learn the stories that make us a distinctive destination to visit and live.

Artists Wanted

We're looking for local artists to paint the Dove's... Interested parties should email Lori (ljs@scva.net) their name, address, phone, and examples of their work.

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Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling is pleased to announce that it will once again accept retired Christmas trees at no charge from Sullivan County residents, businesses and visitors at the end of this Holiday season.

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Residents, businesses and visitors with limited access to open space, however, are encouraged to take their trees to any Sullivan County Recycling & Transfer Station for FREE disposal.

"Sullivan County employees will chip the trees to incorporate them for use as mulch in County parks, landscaping and beautification projects," said District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, chair of the Legislature's Public Works Committee. "Repurposing wood chips helps to conserve natural resources and enhance the appearance of the County with this Holiday tradition."

For additional information about waste reduction strategies, reuse and recycling, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling at 845-807-0290. Check out online Materials Management resources at sullivanny.us/Departments/SolidWasteRecycling.

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Youth Animal Science Programs Feature Dogs, Poultry

LIBERTY, NY-Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) announces two new 4-H animal science program opportunities that encourage youth (age 5-18) to reach personal goals and develop skills that add value to their animal projects. Programs held at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

2nd Fridays Jan 11- Jun 7 Dog Achievement Series: On the second Friday each month from 6:30-8 pm, youth can experience non-competitive activities for dog

lovers, divided into beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Each month, youth will work on different topics and creatively document progress along the way.

Saturday, Jan 26 Poultry Palooza: Guest speakers and hands-on, educational activities make up this exciting program for young poultry enthusiasts from 1-3 pm. Topics will cover showmanship, judging, egg judging, coops, biosecurity, disease, nutrition, poultry quiz bowl, and more!

Cost of each program is \$8 per youth or \$5 per 4-H member. Space is limited and registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance by visiting www.sullivance.org/events, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling CCESC at 845-292-6180. Payment can be made by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Any Sullivan County youth ages 5-18 can apply to enroll in 4-H for free, all year long. To learn more about 4-H, call CCESC at 845-292-6180 or visit <http://sullivance.org/4-h-youth-development>.

Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program empowers any youth ages 5-18 to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H members have opportunities to connect to Cornell University resources and gain career readiness skills through hands-on activities and "learning by doing".

COLLEGE NEWS:

News from Hudson Valley Community College

Bryanna Rivas of Napanoch was named to the Fall 2018 Dean's List at Hudson Valley Community College.

Rivas is studying in the Individual Studies academic program at the Troy, NY college.

Carl McGuire of Liberty was named to the Fall 2018 President's List at Hudson Valley Community College.

McGuire is studying in the Automotive Technical Services academic program at the Troy, NY college.

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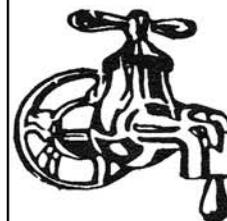
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

The New Year

Only one more day of 2018. My first reaction is "Good Riddance", but the philosopher in me will look back and see the landscape of 2018 as it was: a terrain of hills and valleys, joys and sadness, mistakes and lessons learned, endings and new beginnings, discovery and loss. No plateau of a year for sure. The emotions were as jagged as the stock market that tumbled from bull to bear and as unpredictable as the weekly weather forecast.

Bruce and I have a saying, "sometimes you get the bear, and sometimes the bear gets you." My mom would remind me that "all sunshine would be a desert make." The yin/yang of this year is just a reminder that, as I get older, the sweet gets sweeter, and the bitter should be cast aside because time does not permit regrets. Intensive swings of emotions sums up the smorgasbord of events I remember as I reach the cusp of another year, another milestone.

At eighty and seventy-four we are planning to usher in the New Year in pajamas and calorie-ridden snacks, perhaps a toast with a glass of wine. I view the New Year's Eve demarkation as the end of a wonderful holiday season spent with kids and grandkids, not as a celebration of itself. The hyped party aspect of the night has always fallen short of its anticipation.

I prefer to celebrate the sunrise of New Year's Day, a new beginning filled with promise. I will meet the day rested and hopeful that the year ahead will hold family close and safe. I will optimistically hope that the chaos of politics is calmed by reason and cooperation. I will continue to be thankful for my blessings and share my time investing in projects that help others. Perhaps



Carol and hubby Bruce enjoying a pre-Christmas trip to Aruba

the coming year will bring a cure for Cancer and an end to poverty and oppression. I look forward to the new year as I close the book, literally my hard-covered planner of 2018, and begin a new page...fresh, unwritten, unexpected and waiting.

Forty-one percent of people make resolutions at New Year's. However, only 9.2 percent actually keep them according to the Statistic Brain site on Google. Most resolutions involve self-improvement with weight loss ranking first. I no longer make personal resolutions because I loathe the guilt I feel with failure. Instead, I would like to offer these dozen suggestions for all of us to try to follow in 2019:

- Do not wear a hat indoors.
- Do not talk with food in your mouth.
- Give one thing away. Someone needs it more than you.
- Offer a compliment and a smile to make someone's day brighter.
- Say "thank you" and "I love you" daily.
- Pick up litter and return something bio-degradable to the earth.
- Call, write or text someone.
- Take time to be alone, quiet and think about why you are here.
- Practice random acts of kindness.
- Read something worthwhile.
- Try something new.

And lastly, remember that Thumper's Mother said, "If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing at all." With politics as they are, that advice might just save some friendships and marriages.

Big Indian Oliverea Fire Dept. Remembers Loved Ones as they Light up the Park with Luminaries



This was the Big Indian Oliverea Fire Department's first event remembering loved ones that passed and those who would be missed during this Christmas season. Luminaries were set up and lit in the Big Indian Park. There was a bon fire, Christmas carolers, and hot chocolate. Over 75 people were present. The luminaries cast a light of love and hope as friends and families enjoyed this special night at Big Indian Park.

WIC Moves to Electronic Benefit Cards

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County is now part of the New York State Department of Health's rollout of eWIC, an electronic benefits transfer card which eliminates paper checks and provides a more convenient way for families in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program to shop for WIC foods.

The just-announced expansion brings WIC stores online in not just Sullivan but Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester counties.

"As a mother I can't imagine the pain of knowing you don't have the ability to give your child their next meal," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "We have already heard from grateful families about the difference that the eWIC technology has made in ensuring they have access to nutritious food, without the shame that can be felt holding up a grocery line using an outdated system. By bringing the WIC system into the 21st Century, we're enhancing this critical benefits program and promoting convenient shopping for all New Yorkers."

"The importance of all New York families having easy access to the nutritious foods necessary for childhood development and overall good health cannot be understated," said Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker. "Moving to eWIC eliminates paper checks and simplifies the shopping experience for WIC families and retailers, and I look forward to a continued successful rollout statewide."

eWIC, which works like a debit card, makes shopping with WIC benefits easier and allows WIC vendors to be reimbursed faster. The new eWIC technology also allows families to roll over any unused benefits from a shopping trip toward future purchases during the same month. The release of eWIC technology in the Hudson Valley follows the success of a pilot in the Capital Region this past spring and expansion to Central New York and Western New York this past fall.

eWIC cards are now accepted at all 317 WIC stores in the Hudson Valley and 1,376 WIC stores throughout the State. eWIC technology will be available statewide for all WIC participants and WIC stores by this spring.

In addition to eWIC, the Department of Health launched a new mobile application called WIC2Go to make shopping for WIC foods easier. WIC2Go allows users to scan the barcode on a product to see if it is WIC-approved. Users can also check their WIC account balance, view their upcoming WIC appointments, and locate WIC stores and clinics.

WIC offers nutritious foods, education on nutrition, advice for healthy living, breastfeeding support, and health care referrals to eligible New York families with young children, and women who are pregnant. Registered dietitians are on staff at WIC sites to give one-on-one nutrition advice. WIC serves more than 400,000 women, infants, and children each month with services provided at 400 clinics throughout the state. WIC food benefits can be redeemed at approximately 3,000 authorized WIC stores across the state. WIC is funded and monitored by the USDA. USDA has mandated that all states adopt eWIC technology by the year 2020.

Fathers, grandparents, foster parents, and other caregivers may also apply for WIC benefits for their infants and young children. Many working families qualify and individuals who are already enrolled in Medicaid, SNAP or TANF automatically meet the income qualifications for WIC.

To find a local clinic, applicants can call the

Growing Up Healthy Hotline at 1-800-522-5006, visit the New York State Department of Health website at www.health.ny.gov/wic, or use the WIC2Go mobile application. For more information on eWIC, families can visit www.health.ny.gov/wic and vendors can visit www.nyswicvendors.com.

To make an appointment at a local clinic in Sullivan County, call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910 and press option 5.

Kids Make Homemade Pasta in the Catskills Kitchen

LIBERTY, NY- Many people assume that pasta was introduced by Italian immigrants seeking new opportunities in America around 1890 - 1914. However, it was in fact Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd US President, who introduced Americans to the new food in the 18th century.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) offers a Homemade Pasta Making for Kids workshop on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Youth ages 10-12 are invited to experience this new, hands-on class in the Catskills Kitchen located at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Martin Colavito will teach youth how to make pasta and basic marinara sauce from scratch. Everyone will learn how to make dough, use a pasta making machine, prepare sauce, and cook the pasta in a state-of-the-art facility. Participants will sample pasta and take home dough.

Cost is \$30 per youth or \$25 for CCESC enrollee families. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25 and receive a monthly subscription to the Extension Connection magazine.

Program fees support the cost of instructors, refreshments, materials, and facilities. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance by visiting www.sullivancee.org, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling CCESC at 845-292-6180. In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser - The Book of Mormon

Tickets are now available for the Broadway show "Book of Mormon" Saturday, June 6, 2019 at 2 pm. Ticket price of \$160 includes show and bus. Pickups will be at the Ellenville Regional Hospital, Wurtsboro and Middletown.

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Sullivan County Farm to Benefit from Major Grant Municipal Water Supply Will Remain Protected

Jeffersonville, NY - Augmenting a \$5,000 grant from the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Sullivan County will funnel nearly half a million dollars in New York State funds to a Jeffersonville farm to preserve agricultural land, protect a municipal water supply and boost agritourism.

"Like Sullivan County, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets recognize that local, small-scale farms are worth protecting," noted Sullivan County Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg. "We are thrilled that the State is giving \$491,250 to Hilly

for the municipality," explained District 4 Legislator Catherine Owens, chair of the Sullivan County Legislature's Parks, Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee. "The property also contains 1% prime soils and 61% statewide important soils and is a highest-priority farm designated for protection by Sullivan County's Open Space Plan, Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan and the Scenic Hudson Land Trust within its Hudson Valley/New York City Foodshed Plan."

"Our farm has been in operation for over a century, and our son hopes to continue that proud tradition for many more decades," said Tanya Hahn. "To continue to thrive and to remain a viable part of the community we love, we are in the midst of planning to expand our meat and poultry production, finish certification as a humane facility, and offer overnight on-farm stays to promote local agritourism. These monies will help us realize those goals to a degree we otherwise couldn't have reached."

This funding may be made available by the State again, and if so, the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board will release application details for interested farms.

United Way Volunteer Tax Preparers and Greeters

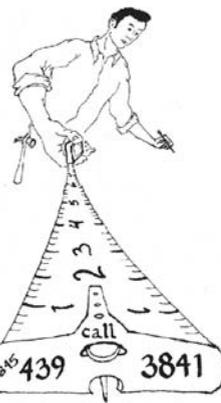
Volunteer Tax Preparers and Greeters are needed in the months of January, February, and March to assist low-wage workers in completing their tax returns. Tax Preparers complete IRS training online. No prior experience is necessary.

Greeters play a key role in coordinating the effort by welcoming customers, checking their initial paperwork to make sure everything is in order, inputting basic demographic data prior to the customer meeting with the tax preparer, and keeping everyone on schedule!

While we do tax preparation each Saturday for approximately six weeks in February and March between 10AM-2PM, it is not necessary for you to be available every week. There is a minimal one hour training to familiarize you with the job details described above.

Being a Greeter is a great way to contribute to the community; it's a short-term time commitment and makes a big difference. Please let us know if this is something you can fit into your schedule or if you know someone you think might be interested.

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In 2017, the Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board issued public notices seeking farms interested in applying for a future round of the NYS Agriculture and Markets' Farmland Protection Implementation Grant, which provides local governments, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and land trusts with grants to offset costs of conservation easements to protect viable agricultural land from being converted to non-agricultural use.

The six farms that applied were ranked based on criteria listed in the 2014 Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. Hilly Acres Farm ranked high due to its proximity to important natural resources and long-term sustainability, and thus the County submitted an application to the State, in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, the Delaware Highlands Conservancy and the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.

This particular grant will protect 233 acres owned and actively managed by Andrew and Tanya Hahn, proprietors of Hilly Acres Farm, which raises a variety of livestock and sells beef, pork, lamb and poultry products at farmers' markets. With son Michael, the couple hosts an annual "Farm Fest," a successful agritourism initiative.

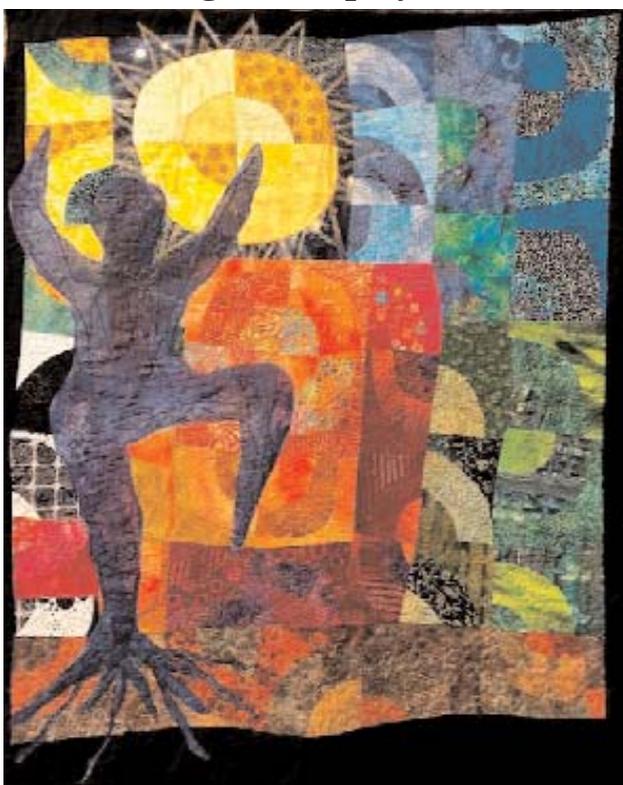
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Art-a-Pelago to Display Art Quilts by Three Artists



(Honesdale) The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA) and the Art-A-Pelago Gallery are pleased to present new exhibits of art quilts in all three locations in Honesdale. Exhibition opening receptions will be on January 12 6-9pm. All three artists will be at the receptions, come and meet them.

"Stories from the Scraps," is an exhibition of eleven art quilts by visiting German fiber artist Andrea Jasmine Schwenk. The exhibition, Ms. Schwenk's first in the United States, will be housed at Art-A-Pelago's "Paros" Gallery, in the D.J. Harvey Agency offices at 815 Main St. Art quilts by WCAA member Linda Krause

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will be at the "Anafi" Gallery at Bodi Tree 214 6th St Suite B. Art quilts by WCAA member Janet Gaglione will be at the "Thasos" Gallery at Black & Brass Coffee 520 Main St.

Art quilting goes beyond the familiar geometric patterns of most American quilting, to convey narratives, moods, and portraits. "The point of my quilts," says Ms. Schwenk, "is not perfect execution. There are many quilters here in America who do this much better than I. I am trying to express feelings and tell stories, by painting with cloth and thread."

Some of her quilts incorporate other arts. Ms. Schwenk has also been a "lampworker," creating glass bead jewelry such as is featured on her portrait of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Others involved poems stitched into the fabric, written in collaboration with Honesdale writer Skip Mendler.

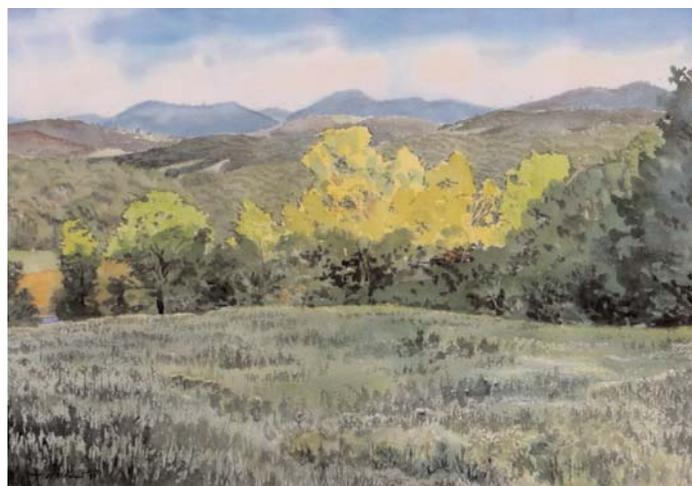
Linda Krause's art features bright and unexpected combinations of color and disparate influences including her love of nature to various cultural manifestations. Many of her quilts reflect her time spent in Australia and embody thematic influences of Aboriginal art, culture and natural surroundings. "I work in a non-traditional way and although I basically plan my imagery, much of the time I let the designs dictate what happens."

Janet Gaglione's art quilts began with traditional designs and have expanded to present quilts in unexpected places. Her background in theatrical costume and lighting design have contributed to her eye for combining light and color.

For more information, contact Dave Harvey at 570-470-5549, or visit the WCAA webpage at waynecountyartsalliance.org.



"Wet & Dry" at the CWC in Margaretville



MARGARETVILLE, N.Y., January 7, 2019- Catskills and Southwest landscape paintings by a Woodstock artist are now on display at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) in Margaretville.

The public is welcome to view "Wet & Dry," by Alan McKnight, at the CWC, 905 Main Street, weekdays from 8 to 4:30 (closed January 21 and February 18). The show will be up through February 28. All of the work is for sale.

McKnight has chosen 34 paintings for this exhibit, inspired by many years of living and hiking in the water-rich Catskills and elsewhere in the US, including the parched Southwest. Working mainly with watercolors, the artist uses both wet and dry techniques to produce pieces in stunning color as well as those resembling pen and ink drawings.

Many of McKnight's paintings are familiar Catskill locales, including Last Rays in Bloomville, View from Mt. Tremper, South Kortright Bridge and Picket Fence in Lexington. Others, painted on location, from photographs,

and even from memory, reflect the artist's views of the Adirondacks, the Rockies, the Hudson Valley and the desert Southwest.

As a child McKnight began painting in watercolor. He attended Oberlin College where he minored in art, later becoming a print maker and sign carver. McKnight opened his own graphic arts shop in Saugerties while he studied fine art with Robert Angeloch and other teachers at the Woodstock School of Art. McKnight then moved to the Rocky Mountain West where he painted, carved and taught for 13 years. He returned to Woodstock in 2006, studied at the Woodstock School of Art and became active with the Woodstock Artists Association.

Alan and his wife, Kate West, are traditional music enthusiasts and performers. The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. FMI: 845-586-1400. www.cwconline.org



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Frost Valley YMCA Honors Jessie Emmons, Community Programs Director

Claryville - On Friday, December 9, 2018 Frost Valley YMCA hosted its annual employee holiday dinner to show appreciation for its dedicated staff members. During the dinner Jessie Emmons, Director of Community Programs for Frost Valley, was given a special honor.



Jessie was presented with the Rookie of the Year award. This award is given to an employee hired during the last 12 months who has quickly become a valuable member of the Frost Valley Community, contributing to both the social and work environment by demonstrating the eight core values: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

Though Jessie has been working at Frost Valley for just under a year, she has 13 years of experience working with youth while running both overnight and day camps, as well as before and after school programs for YMCA of Michiana. Since joining Frost Valley as the Director of Community Programs, Jessie has quickly formed close ties in the local community and dedicated herself to enhancing Frost Valley's summer day camp, afterschool program at Tri-Valley Elementary School, and community events.

"Jessie is a wonderful addition to our team of staff members," said Jerry Huncosky, Chief Executive Officer of Frost Valley YMCA. "We've seen the children in day camp, as well as our afterschool program thrive under her leadership. Jessie not only exhibits Frost Valley's core values, she does it with both a calm sensibility and a keen sense of humor."

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TVTA and TESSA Unions Work with Students to Give the Gift of Reading



(From Pg. 1) TVTA and TESSA members also provided free cookies and juice to all of the students. The refreshments were served by the Barista Bears, a life skills class at Tri-Valley.

The event was a huge success, as students were ecstatic to be able to take books, cookies, and juice. At least 500 books were given away, along with over 700 cookies and hundreds of cups of juice. So much was used that we lost track of how many rolls of wrapping paper we went through. How amazing!

TVTA and TESSA would like to thank the First Book organization for their help in our purchasing books. It was an absolute pleasure for TVTA and TESSA members to be able to give the gift of reading to students, who in turn could then give it to someone else. A job well done by all involved!

New Hope Community Meets St. Andrew's Food Pantry



Left to right NHC Coordinator of Events Ms. Christina Seti, NHC Nurse Educator Ms. Muriel Cypert, St. Andrews Food Pantry organizer Mrs. Linda Goldstein, Co-Organizer of the Pantry and sister of Mrs. Goldstein Mrs. Cynthia Johnston. NHC Director of Staff Training and Development Ms. Amy LeRoy, NHC CEO Mrs. Debbie McGinness, and NHC EHR Administrator Ms. Robyn Vanlowe.

For the past eight years, New Hope Community (NHC) has been sending a crew from its Supported Work Program to clean and polish the floors at South Fallsburg's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church basement. The Food Pantry organized thirty years ago by parishioners is located in that area. NHC increased its involvement in the Food Pantry by volunteering a crew of residents and staff once a month when food is delivered from the Northeast Regional Food Bank.

Two weeks ago Ms. Amy Leroy, Director of Staff Training and Development, contacted Larry Schafman, volunteer at the Food Pantry and coordinator with NHC volunteer crews. She wanted to offer some non-perishable food items collected by New Hope, meet the organizers of the Food Pantry, and introduce the new CEO Mrs. Debbie McGinness. (Contd. Pg. 11)

New Hope Community Meets St. Andrew's Food Pantry

(From Pg. 9) On December 18, 2018, sisters Mrs. Cynthia Johnston and Linda Goldstein, along with Larry Schafman, met CEO McGinness, Amy LeRoy and three other staff at NHC's main conference room. Mrs. McGinness welcomed everyone and introduced herself. She was impressed to hear from Cynthia and Linda that the food pantry was celebrating thirty years of service to the South Fallsburg hamlet!

The food drive at NHC was a part of the Nourish Your Neighbor Healthy Food Initiative through Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE). The new CEO is becoming aware daily of how many wonderful people and organizations exist in Sullivan County. She wants to meet as many of them as she can and see how everyone can collaborate to enhance communication and develop strong working relationships that benefit the community.

Many ideas surfaced during the next hour and a half where NHC could share its building facility and other resources, St. Andrews could offer its wonderful musical connections that sponsor chamber music at the church. Ms. LeRoy sent a note of thanks to the visitors and said NHC is looking forward to future collaboration. The food drive with CCE is part of their outreach.

News from the Sullivan County Manager:

A year of record progress

The year 2018 proved to be the moment Sullivan County has long awaited. Driven by the opening of several major destination resorts and the resurgence of our downtowns, the County has seen record advances in job growth and sales tax proceeds.

"We are leading the State in jobs, and our unemployment rate is so low that the most pressing need for local businesses is workers," notes County Manager Josh Potosek. "That's far removed from just a few years ago when we flirted with a double-digit unemployment rate and there were far more people willing to work than jobs available."

As 2018 turns into 2019, Sullivan County can boast of the following:

- 12.6% job growth, highest in all of New York State
- \$39.3 million in sales tax revenue, nearly \$6 million more than this time in 2017
- A 4.5% increase in the total taxable assessed value Countywide, leading directly to a reduction in taxes for most property owners

Democracy in action, every day

Your right to vote is something the Sullivan County Board of Elections (BOE) takes extraordinarily seriously. It's the very reason the office exists.

"This is democracy at work," notes Democratic Elections Commissioner Cora Edwards. "It is a daily commitment."

That commitment lasts all year long every year - not just during the Presidential elections that draw the most attention. Any weekday of the year, people may need to register as voters or candidates, election inspectors may need to be trained, ballots may need to be prepared, questions on rules may need to be answered, equipment may need to be maintained and updated, and information most definitely will need to be dispensed by phone, email and at the BOE's front desk inside the Government Center in Monticello.

It all culminates on Election Day every November, when the BOE's half-dozen staffers work harder than ever.

"We start at 5 a.m.," says Republican Elections Commissioner Lori Benjamin. "And we might not leave until 1 the next morning."

Half the staff are under Lori, the other half under Cora, in compliance with NYS Election Law. The commissioners are selected by the members of their respective parties, ensuring fairness and impartiality in both perception and practice.

"Our office is set up in a bipartisan manner," affirms Cora, adding that's the case in all of New York's 62 counties. "It's really important to understand how well that works in New York State."

"Everything is checks-and-balances here," adds Lori.

But don't get the wrong idea: the Board of Elections is not a rancorous place. On the occasion when the commissioners disagree (for which there are procedures

in place), the atmosphere does not turn cold.

"We're a 'work family'," nods Lori. "This is a well-run office, and I am very, very proud of the staff."

A passion for politics unites the commissioners. Lori, for example, has been involved with the County and Town of Thompson Republican committees for well over 20 years, still serving on both.

"I've always enjoyed the elections and the politics," she acknowledges, recalling a pivotal introduction to the BOE years ago. "I worked closely with [former BOE Commissioner] Fran Thalmann and learned a small amount of the inner workings of the office."

Having volunteered on State, Federal and Town of Liberty campaigns, Cora became more involved in local politics in 2005, and successfully ran for District 6 County Legislator in 2011. She's currently a member of the Town of Liberty and Sullivan County Democratic committees.

"I got a lot of guidance from the BOE team that was here then: Honora Wohl, Ann Prusinski, and Faith Kaplan. They really provided a tremendous amount of support," she remembers. "And as a legislator, it became obvious to me how important every voter is in determining the kind of government we have."

Indeed, at the local level, voters have incredible power to affect their future quality of life.

"If more people understood that," muses Cora, "I think we'd have a higher turnout."

Regardless of how many voters actually take the time to vote, the Board of Elections is constantly ready to meet their needs and protect their rights. It's as much a public mandate as a legal one.

"Elections have become much more of a national conversation in regard to how they are run," notes Cora.

"Our counter has been five deep a lot of times," adds Lori, who's particularly proud to note that BOE's crew reported the full County results of this year's midterm elections to the State by 10:30 p.m. - just an hour and a half after polls closed. "That was a watershed moment."

Lori's deputy, Pam Murran, and Cora's deputy, Deanna Rajsz, also actually program the ballots for the electronic voting machines - even recording names and instructions in both English and Spanish for the visually impaired.

"They've done a fabulous job," Lori affirms. "They give their all."

That's the kind of service the staff gives to anyone who walks in the door at the Government Center, calls 845-807-0400 or emails SCBOE@co.sullivan.ny.us. For, as Cora points out, "every year is an election year."

A busy year for the BOE

Think the Sullivan County Board of Elections (BOE) only ramps up just prior to Election Day?

As Republican Elections Commissioner Lori Benjamin puts it, "There is no downtime."

Take a look at the numbers from 2018:

- 46,643 active voters
- 3,078 new voters
- 7 different election dates spanning March to November
- 68 election districts
- 200 election inspectors
- 75 electronic voting machines

What's ahead in 2019?

- Local village elections in March
- Several likely primaries
- The general election on November 5
- New voting machines
- And a move from the Government Center to 518 Broadway in Monticello, where the files, the staff and the voting machines will be conveniently in one spot

From drawing board to reality

Sullivan County has a multitude of major private-sector projects in the works that will transform the region and promise to put it at the top of tourism once again: · The Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark in Monticello, opening this March · The Alder Hotel next to Resorts World Catskills Casino, opening next month · The reborn Eldred Preserve, opening by 2020 · The Chatwal Lodge Bethel in White Lake, opening in the spring of 2020. To meet the expectations of tourists and the demands of employees, a number of smaller hotels and large-scale affordable housing projects are also in the works, mainly around Monticello.

A budget that reduces taxes? Yep

Weighing in at nearly \$43,000 less than originally proposed, the 2019 Sullivan County Budget was unan-

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imously adopted Dec. 13 by the Legislature.

"Our Division of Management and Budget, which has worked for months to develop a responsible and efficient budget, was able to lower the appropriations for 2019 by \$42,947, bringing the total appropriations in the 2019 Budget to \$235,286,181," said County Manager Josh Potosek. "The reduction was the result of a savings in our health insurance rates."

The Budget also is coming with a reduction in taxes, as the County tax rate is anticipated to fall by 1.61% (approximately \$19 per \$100,000 of assessed value), largely due to a significant increase in the overall assessed value of properties Countywide.

The Solid Waste Access Fee, charged on every County tax bill to pay for debt on the now-closed Landfill, will also decline. Commercial payers will see their rate drop from \$300 to \$200 a year, while residential payers will have their \$120 rate fall to \$80 a year.

Our doves have landed!

Sullivan County and the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) this month revealed the three dozen fiberglass doves that will find their perches across the County in the weeks ahead.

About 5 feet tall and 7 feet long, each dove is mounted on a metal pole ready to be installed at highly visible locations in virtually every community in Sullivan County. The goal? To celebrate the 50th anniversary year of the Woodstock Music and Art Festival beyond just its hometown of Bethel.

"To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock festival, we are presenting the 36 doves to our communities throughout the Sullivan Catskills. Each dove will be painted by local artists showcasing the character and history of each community. The trail will entice visitors and local residents to explore the Sullivan Catskills and learn the stories that makes us a distinctive designation to visit and live," stated Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association. "It will be also be an economic engine that will stimulate tourism spending in our local towns, villages and hamlets."

"These doves are meant to last far beyond 2019, to definitively mark Sullivan County not just as the home of Woodstock, but of peaceful surroundings, of a passion for nature, of a love of music," noted Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez. "They will be a visible reminder of our legacy, our hopes, our dreams and our future."

In support of this effort, Sullivan Renaissance has announced a special grant program to aid communities in bringing life and color to their doves. These grants may be used for expenses related to landscaping and artist fees.

Design guidelines for the painting of the doves - emphasizing the colors and themes of the 1960s - have been developed by the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, and a Dove Trail Planning Committee will begin reviewing proposals in January. For more information, contact the SCVA at 845-747-4449 or email rbl@scva.net (Contd. Pg. 12)

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State Senator Jen Metzger Sworn Into Office



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On Wednesday night, surrounded by 300 family, friends, constituents and colleagues, Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) took the oath of office, administered by the Honorable Sandra B. Sciortino - Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, 9th Judicial District.



The full hour program included Middletown Mayor Joe DeStefano serving as Master of Ceremonies, invocations from Pastor Rolfi Elivo and Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein, the swearing in of Assemblywoman

Aileen Gunther, musical performances by BLOOM and singer-songwriter Kelleigh McKenzie, and a congratulatory speech from Senate Majority Leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

Other elected officials present included Senator James Skoufis, Assemblyman Karl Brabenc, Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobs, Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach and town supervisors, mayors and council members from towns and villages across Ulster, Sullivan, Orange and Delaware Counties.

"I am truly looking forward to working with you, with our farmers and small businesses, with our brothers and sisters in labor, with community organizations, and with our schools and local governments to help our towns and cities, our villages and hamlets, thrive," Senator Metzger said in her speech to the standing room only crowd. "Working together, we can make a positive difference in our communities and in people's lives. I am deeply honored to have this opportunity to serve you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

The crowd gathered afterwards at a local pub to continue the celebration.

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. She serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee.

News from the Sullivan County Manager:

(From Pg. 11)

2019 will be the 50th anniversary of Woodstock

Sullivan County has been preparing for months for the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in 2019, and not just for the historic three days in August.

"A committee comprised of legislators Scott Samuelson and Luis Alvarez, Communications Director Dan Hust, Visitors Association President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood and Herb Clark, and Supervisor Dan Sturm and Chris Cunningham of the Town of Bethel have been meeting since early this year to plan for the promotion, logistics and traffic of this once-in-a-lifetime anniversary year," noted County Manager Josh Potosek.

As part of their efforts:

- Route 17B has been permanently designated "The Woodstock Way"
- A bridge replacement along 17B in Mongaup Valley has been post-poned by NYSDOT from 2019 to 2020 to facilitate traffic flow
- Three dozen fiberglass doves will be distributed around the County to celebrate
- Providing for safety at events and along heavily traveled roadways

Be a part of our Renaissance!

"Sullivan Renaissance has become an indispensable part of the fabric of Sullivan County," says County Manager Josh Potosek, "and I encourage everyone to volunteer to make our communities look as good as they can be in 2019." With a new grant year quickly approaching, Renaissance Executive Director Denise Frangipane took a few moments to answer questions... How long has Sullivan Renaissance been in service and who started it? Sullivan Renaissance was founded in 2000 by Sandra Gerry, who was inspired by her experience visiting a small community abroad where the residents had joined together to beautify their neighborhood. Upon her return she met with Gerry Foundation staff to work out the details.

In what way does Renaissance utilize its funding? Sullivan Renaissance invests in the community through grants and resources that support volunteer efforts to realize a vision for their community. Funds are administered through a variety of organizations, schools, churches, municipalities, as well as businesses.

What is the best-kept secret or fun fact about Renaissance that not everyone knows? We are so much more than flowers! Even at that, flowers turned out to be a way for community members to come together around something that was non-political and without co-troversy. You would be amazed at the types of meaningful conversations that happen in this neutral space of a community park or community garden.

Cuomo Makes Third Term Appointments

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has tapped new faces to join his administration heading into his third term. The appointments include Ulster County Executive Mike Hein will be nominated Commissioner of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Mr. Hein currently serves as Ulster County's first County Executive and was elected President of the New York State Association of Counties. Prior to that position, Mr. Hein served as the Ulster County Administrator and Deputy Treasurer. He holds a B.A. from Eckerd College.

Keith Corlett being elevated to superintendent of state police and chief of staff Linda Lacewell pivoting to superintendent of the state Department of Financial Services. The full release is available below. The nominations to the state police, DFS, OTDA, state DMV, state Office for People With Developmental Disabilities, state Civil Service Commission and parks department...

"This administration is laser focused on the advancement and enforcement of policies that improve the lives of residents in every corner of this state, from strengthening gun safety reforms and protecting our natural resources, to fostering economic opportunities that create new, 21st century jobs for New Yorkers," Governor Cuomo said. "I am proud to work with these talented and dedicated individuals as we build on our progress and continue to move New York forward."

Statement from Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Regarding Nomination to Lead State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance



"It is an incredible honor to be nominated by Governor Cuomo to lead such a critical agency at this pivotal time in our history. I am deeply passionate about helping those among us most in need and moving Governor Cuomo's highly progressive agenda forward."

"Over the past decade, I have had the privilege of serving the great people of Ulster County as our first County Executive. In the process, I've been fortunate to work with an amazingly talented team of people within my administration and with partners all across our community. Together we have accomplished what many thought of as impossible: ensuring more life-altering services than ever before, completely restructuring County government and delivering the lowest county property taxes since before I first took office, over a decade ago."

"From the very beginning, I was hired by the extraordinary people of Ulster County to fix a severely broken government, and I am proud to say that we have done exactly that. Righting long-standing wrongs, delivering capital projects on time and under budget, creating unprecedented environmental and financial achievements, never shying away from the serious issues of social justice and every step of the way protecting our taxpayers like never before. With all the changes we have collectively made, and all the challenges we have collectively met, Ulster County government is now more effective and efficient than at any point in its history, and our community is far better positioned for a sustainable and brighter future for everyone, with lower taxes for years to come."

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The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) and The Callicoon Theater have announced the line-up for the 2019 winter film series CineArt, opening in mid-January and continuing through early March. The series features eight independent films most of which are nominated for Golden Globe awards and are strong Oscar contenders.

Award-Caliber Films - The lineup includes Can You Ever Forgive Me? starring Melissa McCarthy; the acclaimed documentary Maria by Callas; Vice starring Christian Bale, Amy Adams, and Steve Carell; Roma directed by Alfonso Cuarón; Green Book starring Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen; The Favourite with Emma Stone and Rachel Weisz; The Wife starring Glenn Close; and Cold War directed by Pawel Pawlikowski. Special additional screenings may be added.

All-Inclusive Passes Available - Newly created this year, Passes are available for the full series. Passholders will be guaranteed a seat at every film, plus a complimentary popcorn. Passes cost \$100, and include a donation of \$20 to the DVAA. Individual tickets at \$11 and \$8 for children under 12 at all shows are also available (\$9 admission on Mondays and matinees).

Unique Concession Offerings - Fresh baked goods by Adella Dori Cafe will be for sale at the concession stand, along with old fashioned cherry cokes and chocolate egg creams. Casual post-screening discussions are being organized to follow several of the Saturday matinees.

About the Series - "The CineArt Series supports both DVAA and The Callicoon Theater, and is a wonderful activity for these long winter months. All eight films have a fresh and unique perspective; tackling themes of race, gender, art, politics, and creative genius," says the new owner of The Callicoon Theater, Krissy Smith.

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DVAA's executive director, Ariel Shanberg notes "we are so excited to see this program which was begun in collaboration with Jim and Barbara Kayton 25 years ago, now begin an exciting new chapter with Krissy as our partner. Together we've invigorated this series with new offerings and curatorial approach that provide people with the opportunity for a unique cinematic experience."

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:**TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Joy Monforte, Tax Collector for the Town of Denning, Ulster County, State of New York, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Denning for the year 2019.

Taxes will be collected at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 on Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., and at the Catskill Hudson Bank, 279 Main Street, Grahamsville, N.Y. 12740 and by mail to the Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Taxes will also be collected on Saturday, January 26th, 2019 from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Denning Town Hall.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE as pursuant to Ulster County Law No. 8 of 2012 an insert has been provided describing each Unfunded Mandate required by New York State.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before the 31st day of January or post-marked by that date are paid without interest. On all taxes received after such date there shall be added interest of one percent of the amount of the unpaid taxes for each month or fraction thereof until taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the Ulster County Department of Finance pursuant to law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll for the Town of Denning will be returned to the Ulster County Finance Commissioner on the date of expiration of the Collector's Warrant for 2019.

Joy Monforte, RMC
Tax Collector
Town of Denning

1/10/2019

State Senator Jen Metzger Responds to Cuomo Veto of Roscoe School Aid Bill Promises to fight for relief for Roscoe and Other School Districts

(Albany, NY) State Senator Jen Metzger (District 42) expressed great disappointment with Governor Cuomo's decision last Friday to veto a bill passed by both houses of the legislature, which would have restored to Roscoe Central School District \$1.11 million in building aid, lost as a penalty for the late filing of a final capital cost report relating to building repairs. The Governor also vetoed similar bills granting amnesty to the Chester and Newburgh School Districts.

In December, Senator-Elect Metzger sent a letter to the Governor urging that he sign the bill, arguing that the penalty would, "eviscerate their allowable growth under the real property tax cap and would create real financial hardship for the school community and taxpayers." The Governor had granted amnesty to two other school districts earlier in the year, citing the fiscal burdens the penalties would impose.

"The decision to deny amnesty to the Roscoe Central School District is arbitrary and a great injustice to students, educators and taxpayers, who are faced with a major and unnecessary fiscal burden," said Metzger. "Every child in New York, regardless of zip code, deserves a quality education and a safe learning environment. We are obligated to provide the same educational opportunities to all of our students."

The Roscoe Central School District operates on a lean \$9 million annual budget and the \$1.11 million penalty, which will be paid in \$100,000 increments over 10 years, will amount to 2.32% of the district's annual tax levy. The fiscal hit to the school district is similar in proportion to the penalty imposed on the North Syracuse School District, which did receive amnesty earlier in the year.

Metzger has committed to working with her Senate and Assembly colleagues to re-pass the bill in early 2019, along with those impacting the two Orange County school districts, and send it back to the Governor's desk.

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. She serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee.

Assemblymember Cahill: \$87.1 Million Investment in Mid-Hudson Region through REDC

Kingston, NY - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster/Dutchess) discussed the announced grant awards for the Mid-Hudson Valley Region of \$87.1 million from the New York State Regional Economic Development Council (REDC). The State Economic Development Council designated the Mid-Hudson Valley Region as one of the top performing regions, giving the area a larger proportion of the total funds than all but one other recipient including New York City.

"This investment of \$87.1 million will build upon shared efforts to expand our local economy and will assist in the vast growth of the Hudson Valley while maintaining the quality and community-feel that attracts so many to our area," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The New York State Legislature and in particular, the Assembly has made it a priority to invest in the State's families and localities. Today's announcement will build upon this momentum, helping to boost employment and quality of life in the region."

"Ametek Rotron is both excited and thankful for the support of Assemblyman Cahill for our New York State Economic Development CFA Award. We look forward to our continued relationship with the Assemblyman during our Woodstock site expansion, including both additional advanced manufacturing capability and job creation in 2019 and beyond."

These funds will not only help promote the area's already flourishing hospitality, housing, agriculture, arts community and growing technology sector but will also aid the State Legislature in their efforts to address failing infrastructure, protect our environment and create opportunity. "I thank Chairman Donald Christian and the NYSREDC for their diligent work in encouraging entrepreneurial ventures," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The announcement of these funds marked significant milestones for many of the business owners who have dedicated so much of themselves to not only bettering their brand but their communities and neighbors as well. It speaks to the quality and nature of what growing the economy in the Hudson Valley looks and feels like for our citizens."

Esopus Town Supervisor Shannon Harris believes proper planning and development of the Town's 24+ miles of shoreline along the Hudson River, Rondout Creek and Wallkill River, is key to positioning her community for local business growth, tourism and quality of life. "Yesterday at the Governor's REDC awards we earned a second victory in our strategy to enhance our public waterfront as a vital economic engine," said Harris. Through the REDC program Esopus received the full amount requested from the State, \$75,688, to update its Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. "This is the second waterfront grant we received in the span of a month. We are going to keep building on this success moving forward." In November the Town was awarded \$50,000 from NYS DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program to enhance public access and recreation along its many miles of shoreline.

Board of Trustees President, Robert L. Burhans of Hudson River Maritime Museum, one of this year's funding recipients that the Assemblymember's office provided a letter of support for, gave the following comment on the recent announcement, "This has been a great year for the museum, we received our Permanent Museum Charter from the New York State Board of Regents, our Youthboat and Sailing schools are maturing and are recognized for their great educational experiences. This was our 40th year of service, preservation, and cultural enrichment and we are excited to begin another forty!"

"I am proud of the work our office did in support of many of these applications", Assemblymember Cahill concluded.

A list of recipients in the 103rd Assembly District includes:

Hudson River Maritime Museum - Rondout Riverport Phase 2 (\$430,000)
Mohonk Preserve, Inc. - Lenape Lane Bridge Replacement (\$181,500)
Bread Alone Bakery - Bread Alone Bakery Expansion (\$800,000)
Center for Creative Education - Workforce Expansion (\$42,000)
City of Kingston - Safe and Accessible Flatbush and Foxhall Avenues (\$772,752)
City of Kingston - Midtown Parking Lot Green Infrastructure Project (\$1,200,000)
City of Kingston - City of Kingston Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (\$60,000)
City of Kingston - City of Kingston Hasbrouck Combined Sewer Overflow Improvements Phase 1 (\$600,000)
Village of New Paltz - Village of New Paltz Sewer Line Upgrades (\$750,000)

Town of Esopus - Town of Esopus Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Amendment (\$75,688)
RUPCO, Inc. - The Metro Stockade Works & RUPCO Makers Space (\$339,334)
North Street Brick Works, LLC - Hutton Brickyards Redevelopment Project - Phase Two (\$1,170,000)
Huguenot Historical Society, New Paltz, N.Y. - Historic Huguenot Street Master Site Plan (\$37,000)
FALA Technologies, Inc. - FALA Toolmaker Equipment (\$30,000)
CYRE, Inc. - CYRE, Inc. Expansion Project (\$110,000)
Winnakee Land Trust - Saw Kill Link Trail Project (\$500,000)
Village of Tivoli - Village of Tivoli Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Amendment (\$49,875)
Village of Tivoli - Shoreline Stabilization of Tivoli Waterfront (\$343,500)
Ametek Rotron. - Ametek Site Expansion (\$424,000)
Ametek Rotron. - Ametek Site Expansion (\$180,000)
Arrowood Farms - Arrowood Farm and Brewery Expansion Project (\$360,000)
Hudson Valley Tourism Inc. - Discover Hudson Valley (\$202,500)
The Woodstock School of Art, Inc. - Workforce Training and Development Programs (\$30,000)
Unlimited Tomorrow, Inc. - Unlimited Tomorrow Expansion (\$645,000)
Unlimited Tomorrow, Inc. - Unlimited Tomorrow Expansion (\$255,000)
Wildberry Lodge LLC - The Wildberry Lodge and Spa (\$1,250,000)
GoPal Farm, LLC - GoPal Farm Produce and Creamery Expansion Project (\$550,000)
GoPal Farm, LLC - GoPal Farm Produce and Creamery Expansion Project (\$600,000)
To view a full list of the 2018 awards and the amounts please follow the link below:
<https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2018-12/2018REDCAwardBooklet.pdf>

Climate Smart Grants Part of State's REDC Awards

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today that DEC's Climate Smart Communities Grants Program has awarded \$7.3 million to municipalities across the state as part of the \$763 million in Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Awards announced on Dec. 18. Established in 2016, this 50/50 matching grant program for municipalities supports climate change adaptation and the local reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The grants also provide support for communities seeking to become State-certified Climate Smart Communities. The Climate Smart Community Grant Program is one of 21 programs included in the REDC awards.

Commissioner Seggos said, "Thanks to Governor Cuomo, New York's \$300 million Environmental Protection Fund is providing much-needed resources to local governments across the state to accelerate actions to combat climate change. These Climate Smart Community awards empower municipalities to become more resilient and adapt to the potentially devastating effects of climate change."

Two-hundred-and-forty-five New York State municipalities have adopted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge to become registered Climate Smart Communities and engage in programs to increase energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote renewable energy and a green economy. These registered Climate Smart Communities can also work toward Climate Smart Community Certification by documenting completion of specific, local actions. Each registered Climate Smart Community may choose to undertake those actions most appropriate for its particular objectives, capacity, and other circumstances. Completion of these actions allows the community to earn points toward designation as a Certified Climate Smart Community. The Climate Smart Community Certification Grants support communities undertaking certification actions.

Beyond supporting Climate Smart Community certification, the Climate Smart Community grants support projects that advance Governor Cuomo's climate change and clean energy goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, mitigating flood risk, and preparing for extreme heat and weather events. Information on the Climate Smart Communities program is available on their website. The 2018 Climate Smart Community Awards are listed on the Office of Climate Change funding page; the 2018 REDC Awards Booklet is posted on the REDC site. (Contd. Pg. 15)



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2019 Upcoming Events

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 Jan. 25 - Free Snow Tubing trip to Holiday Mtn
 Jan. 26 - CPR & AED Training, Basic First Aid. Learn to save a life @ Town Hall
 Feb. 8 - Paint two wine glasses @ Neversink Town Hall
 Feb. 22 - Free Roller Skating at 209 Skate Time

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 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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 • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N. Main Street, Liberty

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

2019 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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- 1/9/19 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 1/9/19 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 1/15/19 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30
- 1/16/19 Neversink - Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting 7:30 pm
- 1/20/19 Claryville Fire Dept. All You **Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 - 12 Noon
- 1/21/19 Town of Neversink Holiday - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
- 2/2/19 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 2/6/19 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm
- 2/13/19 Town of Neversink Board Meeting



To All: Municipalities, Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.
 Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2019** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events throughout the coming year.
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Climate Smart Grants Part of State's REDC Awards

(From Pg. 14)

2018 Climate Smart Communities Awards Included in the Mid-Hudson 2018 Climate Smart Community Awards are:

o The city of Kingston was awarded \$60,000 for its Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. The city is preparing a comprehensive city-wide pedestrian and bicycle master plan that will inventory and assess all existing sidewalks and bike paths and perform an equity-demand analysis and a gap analysis to identify a cohesive non-motorized transportation network that, when completed, will link neighborhoods and business areas together, as well as to the Kingston Greenline and the Empire State Trail.

• The city of Kingston received \$772,752 for its Safe and Accessible Flatbush and Foxhall Avenues project. The city of Kingston is enhancing bicycle and pedestrian facilities along portions of Flatbush and Foxhall Avenues. Sidewalks, railroad crossing facilities, sidewalk ramps, painted crosswalks, driveway aprons, pedestrian waiting stations, and 56 street trees are included in the improvements. The project will increase safety along the corridor and at the railroad crossings, support an increase in non-motorized transportation and connect low-income neighborhoods to commercial centers.

• Sullivan County's Department of Public Works was awarded \$934,084 for its Hamlet of Kohlertown Flood Risk Reduction Project. The county will construct an overflow pipeline to alleviate repetitive flooding in the hamlet of Kohlertown. Excessive storm water flow to a tributary of the East Branch of the Callicoon Creek causes flooding of residences, businesses, and several roads in the in the area.

• The town of Fallsburg received \$168,713 for its Mongaup Road Culvert Right Sizing project. The town is replacing an undersized culvert with two aluminum box culverts to reduce flood risk along a tributary to the East Mongaup River in Hurleyville.

• Under Governor Cuomo, New York State is leading the nation in the transition away from fossil fuels to clean energy through innovative strategies including the Green New Deal, a goal to generate 100 percent of the state's electricity from carbon-free sources. These efforts are developing new economic opportunities and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent from 1990 levels by 2030 and by 80 percent by 2050.

New York has long been a national leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as a partner in the nation's first carbon dioxide trading program for power plants, the Regional Greenhouse Gas

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Initiative (RGGI), a model for the federal Clean Power Plan, as well as ongoing energy initiatives such as NY Green Bank, NY-Sun, Charge NY, NY Prize, and BuildSmart NY.

DEC Announces Availability of \$50,000 to Develop Guidance for Improving Storm Resiliency of Hudson River Access Sites

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced the availability of \$50,000 to help communities and site managers assess flooding risk and plan for flooding and sea-level rise at shorefront parklands and river access sites along the Hudson River estuary.

"Governor Cuomo has made significant investments to create new and expanded access to recreation along the Hudson River and encourage New Yorkers to get outside and enjoy nature. New York also recognizes the need to bolster the resiliency of these sites along the river in the face of increasing flood risks and severe weather events and this funding will help communities mitigate these climate risks," Commissioner Seggos said.

Funding for this grant is provided by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and is administered by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program in partnership with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) through a Request for Proposals.

The funding will help communities with fishing, boating, and swimming sites along the Hudson River and its tidal tributaries improve resiliency through design and planning guidelines that mitigate climate risks and allow for quick recovery from storm events. The grant will result in a regional planning guide and associated outreach.

Susan Sullivan, NEIWPCC Executive Director, said, "NEIWPCC is pleased to be able to help communities along the Hudson bolster the sustainability and resiliency of riverfront recreation sites that are experiencing increased flooding and sea-level rise resulting from climate change."

The deadline for proposals is Feb. 15, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. The RFP and application is available on NEIWPCC's website. General information about the RFP can be found on the DEC website.



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Jan 11-12 Rock Academy: Tribute to Stevie Nicks: This show will include Stevie Nicks' work with Fleetwood Mac and as a solo artist having garnered over 40 top 50 hits. Purchase tickets (\$20) online. Gates 6 p.m., doors 6:30 p.m., show 7 p.m. Levon Helm Studios, 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. 845-679-2744; levonhelm.com

Jan 19 Kingston Winter Farmers' Market: Occurs every crafted products including vegetables and fruits, Wall St., Kingston; kingstonfarmersmarket.org

Jan 20 Seventh Annual 99 Bottles of Wine Grand Tasting: Biggest wine lined up on the bar. VIP admission noon-4 p.m. General admission Canal St., Ellenville. 845-647-3000; aromathymebistro.com

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What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhood™

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 Feb. 2, 2019 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

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